opener and then dropped a 38-6 decision to Colorado in Minneapolis last Saturday. Minnesota football, however, is expected to be on its way back up after three straight losing seasons.

Cal Stoll, who became famous in Nebraska for spitting tobacco and staining the new AstroTurf, left his job at Wake Forest last year to replace Murray Warmath at Minnesota. The Gophers also have "New Gold" colored uniforms. Aside from that, Minnesota football is as drab as it's been for the past four years.

"I think we have to take into consideration who we played the last two weeks. We're not going to run into many teams that had as much misfortune as Texas A & M and Army. They each had a lot of turnovers."

One exception, however, is tight end Doug Kingsriter. Kingsriter, who was named to the Associated Press All-American team last year, has led the Gophers in pass receptions the past two seasons and is rated by Nebraska assistant Jim Ross as "possibly the best tight end in college football."

But finding a replacement for graduated quarterback Craig Curry wasn't an easy task. Senior Bob Morgan, who played behind Curry the past two seasons, has started slowly.

Freshman John Lawing, however, engineered a six-play, 64-yard scoring drive against Colorado last week and may see action against the Huskers if Morgan can't move the team.

Injuries also plagued the Gophers against Colorado. Their offensive backfield may have to dig into the third unit. The Gophers could have picked an easier schedule than facing Colorado and Nebraska on consecutive weekends.

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The Minnesota game is what Devaney hopes is another step towards a comeback.

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Devaney has brought the Huskers back

from their first defeat in 32 games. Now Nebraska can play games one at a time. Because there's something to work for—a shot at No. 1.

